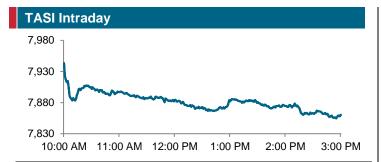
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Source: Reuters

Saudi Stock Indices							
Index	Last Close	1 Day %	WTD %	YTD %	PE (TTM)		
Saudi (TASI)	7,860	-1.0	-0.7	8.8	17.1		
Saudi (NOMU)	2,481	-0.3	-1.3	-21.0	8.3		
Energy	4,882	-1.6	-1.7	14.1	18.8		
Materials	5,460	-1.5	-0.9	8.0	17.2		
Capital Goods	3,961	-1.2	-1.9	-8.8	22.7		
Com. & Prof. Svc	4,361	-1.7	-2.2	3.7	18.9		
Transportation	3,519	-1.6	-2.1	-12.3	21.1		
Cons. Durables & Apparel	3,680	-0.5	-1.1	-11.1	NA		
Consumer Services	3,002	-1.5	-2.0	-18.5	NA		
Media	10,847	-1.8	-3.2	40.2	NA		
Retailing	6,878	-0.9	-0.4	22.1	33.2		
Food & Staples Retailing	5,938	-1.0	-2.0	5.8	24.1		
Food & Beverages	3,916	-1.5	-0.2	-20.0	NA		
Health Care Equipment	3,775	-1.0	-1.8	-15.0	20.0		
Pharma, Biotech & Life Science	3,905	-1.0	0.7	-1.7	27.5		
Banks	7,056	-0.9	-0.7	28.2	12.8		
Diversified Financials	3,441	-0.6	0.2	-14.6	NA		
Insurance	4,201	-0.4	-2.3	-11.1	NA		
Telecommunication	5,371	0.1	2.4	26.3	17.7		
Utilities	3,539	-1.1	1.2	-22.4	NA		
REITs	3,613	-0.1	-0.3	-22.0	NA		
Real Estate	3,293	-0.6	-0.7	-29.9	24.1		

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Tadawul

Top 5 Gainers

Company	Last Close	% Change	Value (SAR mn)
Saudi Fisheries Co.	36.85	10.0%	194.3
Amana Cooperative Insurance Co.	27.50	6.4%	118.3
National Company for Learning and Education	20.82	4.0%	37.7
Salama Cooperative Insurance Co.	16.50	2.9%	25.0
Jazan Development Co.	14.62	2.2%	6.9

Source: Tadawul

Upcoming General Assembly Meetings

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Company	Date
Al Mashaar REIT	23-Dec-18
Bawan Co.	24-Dec-18
Amana Cooperative Insurance Co.	25-Dec-18
Saudi Fisheries Co.	26-Dec-18
Qassim Cement Co.	26-Dec-18
Saudi Paper Manufacturing Co.	31-Dec-18

Source: Tadawul

NOTES: (1) Prices as of last trade. Updated as of December 20, 2018

(2) WTD: Week to Date and YTD: Year to Date

Saudi Market Update

- TASI closed 1.0% lower at 7,860, while NOMU ended 0.3% lower at 2,481 on Wednesday. TASI traded value totaled SAR 2.9bn and averaged SAR 2.9bn over the last 30 days. The five most active stocks (by value) in TASI accounted for 38.4% of the daily traded value.
- Banks and Materials closed 0.9% and 1.5% lower, respectively. Telecom ended 0.1% higher and was the best sector performer. Among stocks, Saudi Fisheries Co. (6050/SFICO AB), Amana Cooperative Insurance Co. (8310/AMANA AB), and National Company for Learning and Education (4291/NCLE AB) led the gainers.
- The Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA) revealed the share of credit facilities extended to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) rose to 5% in 2018 from a meagre 2.0% a year earlier. Real estate credit facilities grew this year by 7.0%, and accounted for 17% of the entire credit granted by local lending institutions. (Source: Argaam)
- The Minister of Finance stated that country's forex reserves exceeded USD 500bn (1.8bn) in the first ten months of 2018, adding that the reserves are adequate and the country has no plans to change its exchange policy. (Source: Argaam)
- The Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA) stated that the country witnessed a rise of 127% Y/Y in foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2018, driven by the country's recent economic reform measures, aimed at attracting value-added investments and foreign funds. (Source: Araaam)
- The Ministry of Housing revealed that it seeks to provide affordable housing solutions in a bid to raise house ownership levels among citizens to 60% by 2020. (Source: Argaam)
- The Minister of Finance revealed that the country is currently studying the feasibility of issuing non USD-denominated international bonds. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudia Dairy and Foodstuff Co. (2270/SADAFCO AB) shareholders approved the repurchase of 3.25mn shares. SADAFCO will retain these shares as treasury shares for five years. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (2010/SABIC AB) BoD recommended a cash dividend of SAR 2.2 per share for 2H18, implying a full-year yield of 3.6%. (Source: Tadawul)

Top 5 Losers			
Company	Last Close	% Change	Value (SAR mn)
Saudi Ceramic Co.	20.30	-3.3%	11.5
Saudi Company for Hardware	72.00	-3.2%	14.7
Arabian Cement Co.	23.00	-3.0%	5.4
Al Gassim Investment Holding Co.	11.06	-2.8%	10.6
AXA Cooperative Insurance Co.	23.00	-2.8%	5.8

Most Active Stocks by Value (SAR mn)							
Company	Last Close	% Change	Value (SAR mn)				
Saudi Basic Industries Corp.	120.20	-2.4%	435				
Al Rajhi Bank	86.00	-1.4%	260				
Saudi Fisheries Co.	36.85	10.0%	194				
Amana Cooperative Insurance Co.	27.50	6.4%	118				
Saudi Industrial Export Co.	96.80	-0.4%	111				

Source: Tadawul

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GCC	Stock	Indices
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Index	Last Close	1 Day %	WTD %	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Dubai (DFM)	2,544	1.3	-2.1	-24.5	8.5
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	4,860	0.6	0.0	10.5	13.1
Kuwait (KSE)	5,169	0.1	0.2	0.8	18.4
Qatar (QE)	10,496	0.1	0.4	23.1	15.5
Oman (MSM)	4,337	-1.0	-2.5	-15.0	10.3
Bahrain (BSE)	1,315	0.0	-0.4	-1.3	8.9
DJMENA Index	560	-0.4	-0.2	6.4	NA

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

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Index	Last Close	1 Day %	WTD %	YTD %	PE (TTM)
US (S&P 500)	2,507	-1.5	-3.6	-6.2	17.4
US (NASDAQ 100)	6,637	-2.2	-4.0	-3.9	19.2
UK (FTSE 100)	6,766	1.0	-1.2	-12.0	15.2
Germany (DAX)	10,766	0.2	-0.9	-16.7	11.8
France (CAC 40)	4,777	0.5	-1.6	-10.1	14.7
Russia (MICEX)	2,359	0.4	-0.3	11.8	5.3
Japan (Nikkei)	20,988	-0.6	-1.8	-7.8	14.6
Hong Kong (HSI)	25,865	0.2	-0.9	-13.5	9.8
South Korea (KOSPI)	2,079	0.8	0.5	-15.8	9.9
China (SHCOMP)	2,550	-1.1	-1.7	-22.9	12.1
India (NIFTY)	10,967	0.5	1.5	4.1	22.4
Brazil (IBOV)	85,674	-1.1	-2.0	12.1	19.5
Turkey (BIST 100)	92,553	1.6	2.2	-19.8	6.6
Egypt (EGX30)	13,078	-0.3	0.6	-12.9	12.0
MSCI Emerging Markets	968	0.5	-0.4	-16.5	11.7
MSCI World	1,893	-0.8	-2.6	-10.0	16.1

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

Commodities Prices

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Index	Last Close	1 Day %	WTD %	YTD %	1 Year %
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	57.2	1.7	-5.0	-14.4	-10.3
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.7	-2.9	-2.6	32.7	24.1
Gold (\$/oz)	1,243	-0.5	0.4	-4.8	-1.5
Silver (\$/oz)	14.6	-0.3	0.2	-14.4	-9.5
Platinum (\$/oz)	786	-0.6	-0.2	-15.5	-14.0
Copper (\$/t)	5,991	0.8	-2.2	-16.9	-13.3
Zinc (\$/t)	2,605	1.0	1.4	-22.0	-18.4
Lead (\$/mt)	1,942	0.2	0.8	-22.2	-24.1
Wheat (\$/bu)	523	-1.9	-1.4	12.2	6.4
Corn (\$/bu)	382	-1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-2.2
Sugar (\$/lb)	12.5	1.4	-1.4	-18.0	-16.9

Source: Bloomberg

Interest Rate Watch (3M Interbank Offer Rate, %)

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Country	Last Close	1 Day Change	YTD Change	Spread*
US	2.79	0.00	1.10	0.00
Saudi Arabia	2.91	0.01	1.02	0.12
UAE	2.83	-0.07	1.04	0.04
Kuwait	2.13	0.00	0.25	-0.67
Qatar	2.83	-0.02	0.18	0.04
Bahrain	3.83	0.06	1.11	1.04

Source: Reuters

<u>NOTES</u>:(1) Prices updated as of December 20, 2018(2) WTD: Week to Date; YTD: Year to Date; NA: Not Applicable, *Spread = US 3M Rate – Country 3M Rate

GCC & Global Markets Update

- US markets ended in red on Wednesday. S&P 500 ended 1.5% down, while NASDAQ fell 2.2%. Dow Jones Industrial closed 1.5% lower. In Europe, UK increased 1.0%, while Germany and France ended 0.2% and 0.5% higher, respectively.
- Asian markets are trading in red on Thursday. China is down 0.8%.
 Japan is down 2.8% while South Korea is trading 1.4% lower. Hong Kong and India are down 1.1% and 0.3%, respectively, in the morning session.
- GCC markets ended mixed on Wednesday. Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 1.3% and 0.6%, respectively. Kuwait and Qatar ended 0.1% higher. Oman ended 1.1% lower and Bahrain ended flat.
- According to the US EIA Petroleum status report, crude oil inventories were down by 0.5mn barrels (prior -1.2mn barrels) for the week ended December 14. (Source: Econoday)
- The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) said that effective December 20, it will raise interest rates applied to the issuance of its certificates by 25 basis points. (Source: Trade Arabia)
- Kuwait's Central Bank said that it had decided to maintain its discount rate unchanged at its current level of 3.0%. (Source: Zawya)
- CBUAE stated that a total of 22.5mn cheques worth AED 1.2tn (USD 326bn) were handled by the UAE Clearing Cheque System during the first eleven months of 2018. (Source: Trade Arabia)
- Oman's Central Bank raised OMR 31.6mn (USD 82.1mn) by allotting treasury bills. The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, from December 18, 2018 until March 20, 2019. (Source: GulfBase)
- The UAE became a member of the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GABC), an initiative launched at the United Nation's Conference of Parties (COP21) held as part of the Lima Paris Action Agenda. (Source: Trade Arabia)
- Dubai Tourism has announced plans to launch a new business to business (B2B) online platform early next year to promote the emirate's attractions and experiences. (Source: Arabian Business)
- Abu Dhabi Polymers Company (Borouge) has begun construction of its fifth polypropylene unit within the company's plant in the Ruwais region of the UAE capital. Once the project comes on stream in 3Q21, it would boast a production capacity of 480,000 tonnes per year. (Source: Trade Arabia)
- Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has picked Austria's OMV (OMV AV) to join other partners exploring the Ghasha offshore gas and condensate fields, awarding 5% stake in the concession for 40 years. (Source: Zawya)

Coming Up

- US jobless claims for the week ended December 15 (prior: 206K; consensus: 221K) will be announced today. (Source: Econoday)
- Change in China' CPI for November 2018 (prior: 0.2% M/M, 1.4% Y/Y) will be announced today. (Source: Econoday)
- US EIA Petroleum status report on weekly change in crude oil inventories for the week ended December 21 (prior: -0.5mn barrels) will be announced on December 27. (Source: Econoday)

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